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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Greinwald, et al.

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For : MICROARRAY-BASED

DIAGNOSIS OF PEDIATRIC HEARING IMPAIRMENT-CONSTRUCTION OF A

DEAFNESS GENE CHIP

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed October 20, 2006. Please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the subsequent remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.